(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered in the matter;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) what are the reasons for not taking any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The allegations were enquired into by a committee constituted for the purpose and the same were found baseless.

(d) Does not arise.

Worn out telephone lines in cities of Uttar Pradesh

2391. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of worn out telephone lines in Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Agra, Varanasi, Meerut, Barielly and Aligarh till January, 1987; and

(b) what is the time likely to be taken to replace these lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) & (b) The required information relating to Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Agra and Varanasi is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 110].

There are no worn out telephone lines at present in Meerut, Barielly and Aligarh.

Bronze from Tanjore Art Gallery for exhibition in Soviet Union and Sweden

2392. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the National Museum of Delhi has proposed taking of Bronze from Tanjore Art Gallery and the Miniature painting from Saraswathi Mahal Library for the festival of India to be held in Soviet Union and Sweden?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): The National Museum, New Delhi have identified 3 Bronzes from Tanjore Art Gallery, Tanjore for the exhibition "Classical Indian Art" and 2 Paintings from the Saraswathi Mahal Library and have approached the Government of Tamil Nadu for the loan of these art objects for the Festival of India in Soviet Union.

For the Festival of India in Sweden, requests have been separately made to the Government of Tamil Nadu for the loan of 5 art objects from Tanjore Art Gallery.

Visit of Foreign Directors to National Archives

2393. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Directors of foreign countries who visited National Archives during the last three years and with what purpose;

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange involved in the above visits;

(c) whether any retired officer was sponsored to visit outside India to attend Seminars etc. ignoring the claims of better qualified officers; and

(d) if so, what is the name of the officer and the reasons for this sponsorship?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) *Nil.*

(c) Yes, but not ignoring the claims of better qualified officers.

(d) Shri Ranbir Kishore, a retired Chief of Repair & Conservation from